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CEREBROSPINAL MENINGITIS IN TEXAS.

Surg. Guiteras at Galveston reports the occurrence of 10 cases of cerebrospinal meningitis, with 7 deaths at Galveston from February 23 to 29, inclusive.

At Houston the health officer reports the occurrence of 12 cases, with 4 deaths during the week ended February 17.

PLAGUE-PREVENTION WORK.

DISTRIBUTION OF POISON.

In connection with the making and maintenance of a squirrel-free zone around the cities of California on San Francisco Bay, 1,719 acres of land in Alameda County were covered with poison during the week ended February 17, 1912.

During the same period 4,870 acres of land in San Joaquin County and 3,040 acres in Stanislaus County were covered with poison for the purpose of eradicating plague foci.

RECORD OF PLAGUE INFECTION.

Places.	Date of last case of human plague.	Date of last case of rat plague.	Date of last case of squirrel plague.	Total number of rodents found infected since May, 1907.
California:				
Cities—				
San Francisco.....	Jan. 30, 1908.....	Oct. 23, 1908.....	None.....	398 rats.
Oakland.....	Aug. 9, 1911.....	Dec. 1, 1908.....	do.....	126 rats.
Berkeley.....	Aug. 27, 1907.....	None.....	do.....	None.
Los Angeles.....	Aug. 11, 1908.....	do.....	Aug. 21, 1908.....	1 squirrel.
Counties—				
Alameda (exclusive of Oakland and Berkeley).	Sept. 26, 1909.....	Wood rat, Oct. 17, 1909.	Oct. 9, 1911.....	114 squirrels and 1 wood rat.
Contra Costa.....	July 21, 1911.....	None.....	Sept. 23, 1911.....	364 squirrels.
Fresno.....	None.....	do.....	Oct. 27, 1911.....	1 squirrel.
Merced.....	do.....	do.....	July 13, 1911.....	5 squirrels.
Monterey.....	do.....	do.....	Aug. 6, 1911.....	Do.
San Benito.....	June 5, 1910.....	do.....	June 8, 1911.....	22 squirrels.
San Joaquin.....	Sept. 18, 1911.....	do.....	Aug. 26, 1911.....	18 squirrels.
San Luis Obispo.....	None.....	do.....	Jan. 29, 1910.....	1 squirrel.
Santa Clara.....	Aug. 23, 1910.....	do.....	Oct. 5, 1910.....	23 squirrels.
Santa Cruz.....	None.....	do.....	May 17, 1910.....	3 squirrels.
Stanislaus.....	do.....	do.....	June 2, 1911.....	13 squirrels.
Washington:				
City—				
Seattle.....	Oct. 30, 1907.....	Sept. 21, 1911.....	None.....	26 rats.

RATS COLLECTED AND EXAMINED FOR PLAGUE INFECTION.

Places.	Week ended—	Found dead.	Total collected.	Examined.	Found infected.
California:					
Cities—					
Berkeley.....	Feb. 17, 1912	2	¹ 186	94	.....
Oakland.....	do.....	20	² 655	491	.....
San Francisco.....	do.....	4	³ 1,516	1,146	.....
County—					
San Joaquin.....	do.....		⁴ 142	142	.....
Washington:					
City—					
Seattle.....	do.....		1,047	1,006	.....

¹ Identified: *Mus norvegicus*, 98; *mus musculus*, 88.

² Identified: *Mus norvegicus*, 525; *mus rattus*, 5; *mus musculus*, 124; *mus alexandrinus*, 1.

³ Identified: *Mus norvegicus*, 681; *mus rattus*, 222; *mus musculus*, 37; *mus alexandrinus*, 236.

⁴ Identified: *Mus norvegicus*, 134; *mus rattus*, 3; *mus alexandrinus*, 5.

SMALLPOX IN THE UNITED STATES.

In the following table the States indicated by an asterisk are those from which reports of smallpox are received only from certain city, and in some cases county, boards of health. In these States, therefore, the recorded cases and deaths should not be taken as showing the general prevalence of the disease. In the States not marked by an asterisk the reports are received monthly from the State boards of health, and include all cases reported to the State authorities.

REPORTS RECEIVED DURING WEEK ENDED MAR. 8, 1912.

Places.	Date.	Cases.	Deaths.	Remarks.
*Alabama:				
Montgomery.....	Feb. 18-24.....	1	.....
Arizona:				
County—				
Cache.....	Jan. 1-31.....	20	.....
Florida:				
Counties—				
Alachua.....	Feb. 11-17.....	2	.....
Duval.....	do.....	21	.....
Hernando.....	do.....	2	.....
Marion.....	do.....	3	.....
Orange.....	do.....	6	.....
Pasco.....	do.....	1	.....
Putnam.....	do.....	36	.....
St. Johns.....	do.....	12	.....
Suwanee.....	do.....	1	.....
Washington.....	do.....	1	.....
Total for State.....		85	.....
*Louisiana:				
New Orleans.....	Feb. 18-Mar. 2.....	14	.....
Mississippi:				
Counties—				
Benton.....	Jan. 1-31.....	1	.....
Covington.....	do.....	4	.....
Holmes.....	do.....	2	.....
Lauderdale.....	do.....	15	.....
Lincoln.....	do.....	1	.....
Newton.....	do.....	20	.....
Yazoo.....	do.....	1	.....
Total for State.....		44	.....
*Missouri:				
St. Louis.....	Feb. 18-24.....	1	.....